OLD ENGLAND.

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Omnibus invideas, livide, nemo tibi. MART.

THE Oddities of the Human Mind, the Variety of Humours, and Modes of Thinking, more changeable than the Clouds, and more unaccountable than the Winds, the ill-judg'd Complaints and miſplaced Praiſes, the Caprice, Inconſiſtencies, and Self-Contradictions, render Man the moſt ridiculous Part of the Creation. The Elevation of Men of the loweſt Claſs to the higheſt Stations of the State, or, to ſpeak more properly, the higheſt Stations of the State brought down to the loweſt Claſs of Men, preſent Scenes to a ſpeculative Man, more comical than any thing delivered in the fabulous Accounts of Monkey-Land! Who can forbear laughing to behold a S**** of S* ſcarce able to do more than write his Name, and an Accomptant-General and Director of the Finances of a Kingdom puzzled to determine whether five or four is the greater Number? And, to complete the Ridicule, theſe two able Heads joined in Conſultation on Affairs of the laſt Importance to all *Europe*, on the moſt delicate Criſis which any Concurrence of Circumſtances can produce!

I ſhould be glad to ſtop here, to look on the ridiculous Side of Things only, that I might laugh my Fill like *Democritus*, for I had much rather laugh than weep; but who can forbear weeping when he carries the Reflection farther, when he conſiders the ſerious Conſequences derived on a Nation from this mock Miniſtry and ſtrange Humour, which prevail at preſent in a *certain Country*? As the Reader will perceive, from what has been ſaid already, that I have a natural Tendency in my Compoſition to watch the Movements of the Mind, and make my Obſervations on the Abſurdities of human Actions, I have been at a Loſs, and am in a great Meaſure ſtill, to account, how the Return of Members of Parliament ſhould be ſo much in favour of the preſent *Machiavels* of State: It occurr'd to me, that in Queen *Anne*'s Time an able Miniſtry, after a Series of Succeſſes and Triumphs which raiſed this Nation to the higheſt Pinnacle of Glory, and made a *Briton* reſpected and honoured wherever he went, was ruined by a conſuming Land-War, and that the Conquerors of *France* were unable to ſupport or ſtand under ſuch a domeſtic Weight. On the other hand, I could diſcover nothing in the preſent Circumſtances of Affairs, but a Train of Diſgraces *abroad*, which will ſhame even our Poſterity! at *home*, a Load of Debt beyond Hope of Redemption! and, how improbable ſoever ſuch a Preſumption may be, (conſidering the Capacities of the *Directors* of our Affairs) both the one and the other generally attributed to Weakneſs and Inſufficiency of Meaſures: Theſe ſeemed to me odd Reaſons for the Conciliation of the Affections of Mankind: It appear'd ſtrange to me, that a People ſhould be infatuated to a Degree of being pleaſed with ſuch Obligations, and hold in ſo great Reſpect the Authors of ſuch Bleſſings. In the next Place, I endeavoured to ſolve this ſurprizing Phœnomenon by Means of Corruption; but the Exceſs of Numbers, great to a Degree of creating even Diſtreſs to an Adminiſtration, ſoon convinced me that ſome other Cauſe ſtill remained; and, after all my Pains and Reſearches, I could come to no other Concluſion, but that the Wiſdom of the People was unfathomable, and their Ways paſt finding out.

Who knows, however, after all the boaſted Security of a certain Adminiſtration, but what they look upon as their Strength may prove their Weakneſs. There is an overruling Power who ſometimes confounds the Wicked in their own Devices, and as this H. of Commons is chiefly compos'd of *Whigs*, it may afford an Opportunity to thoſe who heretofore unwillingly ſubmitted to, and acquieſced in, what they could not prevent, who are weary and ſick of the preſent Management, to join a Party that may do effectual Service to their Country: Nor will the *Tories*, I am perſuaded, ſhew themſelves (if there is a Proſpect of better Days) leſs compliant than they have of late been in the worſt of Days. The Circumſtances of the Nation are preſſing; the Opportunity of doing good is great: The Eyes of all *Europe* are on this Parliament, for from the Spirit or Tameneſs of the preſent Parliament, which muſt now ſoon manifeſt itſelf under one Appearance or the other, the Fate of *Europe* will principally be decided. We have been brought, and are now, on the Brink of Ruin, thro' private Connections, and the Favour ſhewn, and Support given, to particular Combinations of Men; but the Members of the preſent Parliament will, I make no Doubt, conſider the Neceſſity of acting on other Motives; will conſider, that whatever we may be obliged to at home, an Enemy will ſubmit to nothing but a ſuperior well-conducted Force; and though weak Men may get weak Meaſures by Intereſt ſanctify'd, may procure the Approbation of Friends, and applaud themſelves at home, yet when thoſe Meaſures come to be put to the Teſt abroad, they will never go a bit farther, for all the Form and Ceremony with which they were uſhered into the World at *Weſtminſter*. What heretofore ſerved miniſterial Occaſions, can no longer do ſo: When we have nothing to do but within ourſelves, ſuch low Arts may avail for a long Time; but it is impoſſible for any Party long to ſupport an inſufficient M———r, in Time of public Calamity; a little ſooner or later he muſt fall: None but a ſkilful Pilot can be at the Helm in a Storm.

Give me Leave, in Right of a *Briton*, to implore and conjure you, Gentlemen, who are our preſent Repreſentatives, to lay to your Hearts your own and your Country's Diſtreſs. There are two principal Things in which, amongſt many others, we are egregiouſly deficient! — Skill in Negociation for forming Alliances, and bringing a ſufficient Force into the Field; and, in the next Place, Inſight into Mankind for chuſing Officers to conduct and direct our Force properly: A Miniſter, who is happy in the latter, can hardly be ſuppoſed to be deficient in the former; for the latter is the moſt exquiſite and noble Production of the Human Mind; without it, the former, how neceſſary ſoever in other Reſpects, is of little Uſe, for the executive Part muſt always depend on the latter: Both however are requiſite, and we are wanting in both! From theſe Sources endleſs Calamities flow, and muſt continue to flow, on the People. It is unneceſſary to point out to you the unhappy and diſgraceful Circumſtances of this Country: At home, as you are for the greateſt Part Men of Property, you know them by Feeling; from abroad, all *Europe* ſees them with Aſtoniſhment: Every *Briton* ought to look on them with Dread and Horror, for we are ſo unfortunate almoſt in every thing, that divine Vengeance ſeems to purſue the *old Stock* of Corruption! You no doubt, Gentlemen, will ſeriouſly reflect, if we go on in the old tried and fatal Path, what a Figure you will make in the World and in Hiſtory? What Scandals, groundleſs Scandals perhaps, will be thrown out, as well in the preſent Time as by lateſt Poſterity.

When all other Arguments and Arts have failed, the People have been taught to pray for an Adminiſtration I *could name*, as the old Woman did for *Dioniſius*, leſt the Devil ſhould come at laſt. They have been treated like Children, and threatened, if not paſſive and quiet, to be delivered over to Raw-Head and Bloody-Bones. I have heard Men of ſome Credit and Character talking at this ſtrange Rate, but if you know your own Weight and Power, can any Man go on without your Approbation, or purſue Meaſures you will not give a Sanction to? Your *Independency* maintained, no one can hurt you: And who is this mighty Bugbear? A Phantom of their own Creation, a Character the Off-ſpring of their own Invention. Who is unacquainted with that hypocritical Sanctity by which, for ſome Time, they impoſed on the World the *Coalition*, the *Broadbottom*, the numberleſs fine Phraſes with which they dreſt themſelves out? Conſider, if they have deceived you in a Repreſentaion of themſelves, whether they have not done ſo too in the Miſrepreſentation of others; in the Miſrepreſentation of a Man, whoſe great Mind is employ'd on far different Objects than that of Calumny! but on this very Account, with ſo much the more Confidence and Security, have they aſperſ'd him: The Quickneſs of his Parts, and his Preciſion in the moſt difficult and intricate Affairs, ſhine in ſo ſtrong a Light that, not daring to approach on that Side, for Fear of diſcovering their own Imperfections, they have betaken themſelves to other Methods; have whiſpered it abroad, that he is proud, overbearing, ambitious, obſtinate, and headſtrong! Thanks to their Stars, that they are ſo free from theſe and every other Blemiſh!

As to the Charge of being *proud* and *overbearing*, it is juſt the Reverſe of his Character, remarkable for Courteouſneſs and Affability, paying an equal Attention to all Degrees of Men, humanely ready, either to inform the Unknowing, or be informed by thoſe who know. For *Ambition*, let thoſe teſtify, if there are thoſe who know that he might have ſet himſelf at the Head of Affairs, if he would have come into Meaſures which he thought not for the Advantage of his Country, that he had the Self-Denial to abſtain from Power on ſuch Conditions, and choſe to ſuffer his Enemies to triumph, rather than take a Step which appeared to him detrimental to the Nation. With reſpect to *Obſtinacy* and *Headſtrongneſs*, it is much that a reputed ſenſible Man ſhould not enter into the Reaſonableneſs of their Schemes, it was probably the Fault of his Underſtanding, tho' ſo much extolled; but if the Schemes were wrong, then the Fault was not in the Underſtanding, and the only Difference will be, that the one is obſtinately right, and the others obſtinately wrong. But who can diſpute the Palm in Point of Obſtinacy and Headſtrongneſs with them, whoſe *Obſtinacy* has prevailed over every thing, but the *French*, in ſpite even of Majeſty itſelf?

A famous *Athenian* was won't to compare himſelf to a Tree, whoſe Branches the People, paſſing by in fair Weather, inſolently break down, tho', in a Storm, they gather round it for Shelter; and one would imagine Neceſſities ſhould naturally produce this Effect, but ſuch is the Abſurdity of Mankind, we dread and ſhun a Man who ſeems to have been born to do Service to this Country by his great Abilities.

And yet I hope that this Country doth not abſolutely depend on any one Man's Abilities; that there are many able to extricate her from her Misfortunes, and raiſe her drooping Head: The Time of which Event, I flatter myſelf, approacheth; for this Houſe of Commons will not be overawed like Children, nor cowed like Slaves. Think, Gentlemen, on your Country, on your bleeding Country! and put an End to the Triumphs of Folly over Senſe and Reaſon, over the ſerious and thinking Part of the Nation.

LONDON.

Thurſday the Right Hon. the Houſe of Commons waited on his Majeſty at St. James's with their Addreſs.

A great Number of Petitions for undue Elections for ſeveral Places in England have been preſented to the Hon. Houſe of Commons.

We hear that a Perſon of Quality, who married unequal before he was of Age, intends this Seſſions of Parliament to ſue for a Divorce.

This Day the Right Hon. Sir Peter Warren, Knight of the Bath, Vice-Admiral of the White, will ſet out for Portſmouth, where he is to ſit as Preſident of the Court-Martial for the Trial of Capt Fox, Commander of his Majeſty's Ship the Kent, which begins on Tueſday next.

We hear that Admiral Warren, immediately after the Trial of Capt Fox, will hoiſt his Flag on board the Invincible (taken from the French) at Portſmouth, and proceed to Sea with a ſtrong Fleet.

It is aſſured, that the Supplies for the enſuing Year are already ſettled. The Sum to be raiſed will be ſix Milions of Annuities at 4 per Cent, to which will be annexed, a Lottery for 600000l. upon the like Intereſt, to conſiſt of 60000 Tickets at 10l. each. Every Perſon that ſubcribes 100l. Stock, to have ten Tickets given him as an Encouragement. The Subſcription was opened on Saturday Morning at the Treaſury, and at Sir John Barnard's in Birchin-lane; and it's ſaid, there is already a much larger Sum raiſed than what is required, and that ſome of thoſe who ſubſcribe large Sums muſt be curtail'd, that each Subſcriber may Share in the Advantage of this Loan.

It's ſaid, that an additional Duty of two Shillings per Quarter will be laid upon Malt, which Duty, it's ſaid, will be ſufficient to pay the Intereſt upon that Sum.

It is ſaid that the Duty on Hops for the laſt Seaſon amounted to 49,405 l. 16s. which is 300 l. more than the preceding Year.

Thurſday being the Princeſs of Wales's Birth-day, when her Royal Highneſs entered into the 29th Year of her Age, there was a brilliant Court at Leiceſter Fields on that Occaſion.

We hear, that his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland will dine To Day on board the Culloden Man of War, commanded by Capt. Geary, now lying in Long Reach; which Ship is ſaid to be the fineſt of her Rate ever built in England; and is ready to proceed directly to Sea.

Some of the Forces which are coming from Flanders, will we hear be quartered in ſome of the Sea-Ports in Kent, Suſſex, and Hampſhire.

A few Days ſince died at Kenſington Gravel-Pits, the Right Hon. the Counteſs Dowager of Sidney.

Wedneſday a Model of a new Machine for carrying the Mails with greater Security, was brought to the General Poſt-Office for Approbation. It is an Iron fixed upon an Axle tree, in which the Mail is to be put, by which Means it is thought it cannot poſſible be robb'd.

On Saturday laſt, rather before Five o'Clock in the Evening, one of the Stage-Coaches going to Camberwell was ſtopp'd in the Road oppoſite to the Miller's by two Footpads, who robb'd the Paſſengers of three Gold Watches, and upwards of Twenty Guineas.

Laſt Sunday was taken at Robert's Bridge, Suſſex, Owen Smith, a notorious Highwayman, who has for ſome Time infeſted the Kent and Suſſex Roads, and commited under a ſtrong Guard to Shoreham Goal.

Laſt Friday ſe'nnight James Bowen, alias Smutty, a notorious Smuggler, was taken at Charlton, and commited to Maidſtone Goal. He has commited ſeveral Robberies in the Counties of Kent and Surry; and is ſtrongly ſuſpected of ſhooting the Servant of Mr. Pettit near Deptford.

Monday the following Malefactors were carried from Newgate and executed at Tyburn, viz. Lancaſter, for forging a Seaman's Will; Peryour and Fuller, both on the Smuggling Act; and Youell the Jew, for the Murder of Capt. Johns. They ſeem'd not to be daunted. The Body of Lancaſter and the two Smugglers were carried off by their Friends, and the Jew was carried to be hang'd in Chains at Beggars-Buſh.

A few Days ago an unhappy Accident happened at Wandſworth; a Portſmouth Waggon coming to Town, a Sailor, who had received 150 l. Prize Money, deſired Leave to ride in the Waggon, but in getting into it unfortunately fell off the Shafts, and the Horſes moving too haſtily, the Wheels went over his Body, and killed him on the Spot.

We hear from Harwich, that laſt Sunday in the Afternoon their Cuſtom-Houſe Smack obſerved a ſmall Veſſel at Anchor under Bawdſey-Cliff, and coming near enough to hail her, aſk'd from whence ſhe came, and whither bound? A Perſon on board anſwered in broken Engliſh, that they came from *Yarmout*, and was bound to London; and being aſk'd what they had on board, they reply'd *Noting*; which gave the Captain of the Smack a Suſpicion they were there on no good Deſign, and immediately mann'd and arm'd his Boat, and boarded her without Reſiſtance, and found her to be a French Privateer belonging to Calais, having twelve ſtout Fellows with only Small Arms, who came on the Coaſt to pick up ſome of our ſmall defenceleſs Traders.

Extract of a Letter from on board his Majeſty's Ship the Namur, in Torbay, Nov. 11.

"We have had very indifferent Weather in getting down the Channel, the Wind being againſt us all the Way; but it being now ſomewhat more favourable, Admiral Boſcawen has fired a Gun, in order that all the Fleet may be ready to ſail. In beating down the Channel we met with a ſtout French Privateer, who fired a Gun as a Salute to the Admiral, who order'd him to bring to, which the Privateer not caring for, endeavour'd to get away; but a Man of War being directly ſent after him, ſoon came up with, took him, and has brought him in here."

Admiral Boſcawen paſſed by Falmouth on the 13th Inſt. and it is believed has got clear of the Channel.

We hear from Plymouth, that the Amazon Man of War (which Ship was ſaid to be taken by the French) is arrived at that Port, from her Cruize.

Several Merchants of this City have received Advice, that there are ſeveral French Privateers cruizing on the Coaſt on Norway, to pick up ſome of our Eaſt Country Homeward-bound Fleet.

Letter from Lewis in Suſſex, Nov. 17.

"I have often heard of the wicked Treatment that poor unfortunate ſhipwreck'd Creatures have met with. Laſt Night I was an Eye-Witneſs of it.—I was at Brighthelmſtone between 8 or 9 o'Clock, when there appeared off that Place two Lights, ſuppoſed to be two Ships in Diſtreſs; and as there was a Storm at S. S. W. it was impoſſible they ſhould clear the Shore, therefore 50 or 60 People, many of them with Lanthorns, followed the Ships, like Sharks, 'till one of them came aſhore, between Brighthelmſtone and Rottingdon; when the ravenous Creatures ſhew'd their Induſtry, for before 11 o'Clock they had got great part of his Sails and Rigging, and almoſt all his Cargo of Cheſnuts.——This Day, in my Way from Brighthelmſtone to Newhaven, I met ſome Hundreds of People that came loaded from the Wreck; and before 10 this Morning more than half the Veſſel was carried away.—The other Veſſel has carried away her Maſt, and is at Anchor off Newhaven. If Tomorrow proves fair, they may get her into Harbour, provided there is proper Aſſiſtance; if not, ſhe will ſhare the Fate of the other.——They are two Dutch Doggers from St. Anthony's, bound to Zealand. The Name of the Ship loſt is the Three Siſters, Vanderton."

Orders are given by the States General for equipping 40 Men of War with all Expedition; and we are aſſured there near 300 Privateers fitting out in the Sea-Ports of the United Provinces, to cruze on the French.

They write from Dreſden, that it is not yet known there whether the King of Poland, Elector of Saxony will accept the Mediation, to which he is ſollicited by France, at the approaching Congreſs, in Conjunction with the King of Portugal: But that Count Fleming, who had been Miniſter of his Poliſh Majeſty at the Court of London, was ſet out to return thither in the ſame Quality.

According to ſeveral Advices, the opening of the Congreſs at Aix-la-Chapelle is fixed to the 5th of January next.

The Gates of the City of Cologn having been ſhut by Order of the Magiſtrates againſt the Imperial Troops, ſome of them ſcaled the Walls in the Night between the 15th and 16th Inſtant, and let in the whole Body which was in the Neighbourhood, without the leaſt Oppoſition; ſince which the Chief Magiſtrate of that City is treating amicably with the Commandant for his Wintering among them.

Private Letters from Paris mention the great Zeal and Diligence of the Duke of Orleans in viſiting and regulating the Hoſpitals of that City, and enquiring into the State of the Poor, whom he relieves as he ſees Occaſion. "But in ſpite of all the Cares of his Highneſs, ſay thoſe Letters, to ſoften the Diſtreſs of the Inhabitants of Paris, Bread and Wine continue to riſe daily, which puts them almoſt out of the Reach of the lower Sort of People, who tho' at firſt they made loud Complaint, perceiving that nothing was got by it, ſubmit now to bear their Miſery in Silence."

Letters from Paris ſay, that the Regiment of Royal Scots, which was commanded by the late Duke of Perth, is given to Lord Lewis Drummond, Son to the Duke of Melfort.

By private Letters from Madrid, we have an Account, that the King of Spain had granted to the new Cardinal, ſecond Son of the Chevalier de St. George, a Penſion of 14,600 Piaſtres, aſſigned on the Biſhopricks of Malaga and Cordova.

On the 25th of October there was an Auto da Fe at Lisbon, in which 26 Men and 22 Woman did Penance.—Of the Men 5 had taken ſecond Wives during the Lives of the former; 3 others, of whom one was a Prieſt, had committed other Crimes, and 18 what they call New Chriſtians, two of whom were condemned to be ſtrangled, and then burnt. Twenty of the Women were New Chriſtians, and two had been convicted of Sacrilegeous Superſtitions. His Portugueſe Majeſty, notwithſtanding his Indiſpoſition, ſtaid in the City to ſee the Ceremony. Such is the prevailing Influence of the Inquiſition in that Country.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, Nov. 14. We hear that a Gang of eight Horſe-ſtealers, or rather out-law'd Smugglers, are fallen into this Part of the Kingdom: And alſo, that ſeveral Robberies have been lately committed in the neighbouring Parts. A few Nights ago as Farmer Philips was returning home thro' Stafford, a Highwayman, with Oaths, &c. demanded his Money; but Mr. Philips not adhering to his Demand, put Spurs to his Horſe, and rode away; on which the Fellow fired a Piſtol after him, the Ball of which went through his great Coat. A Robbery was lately committed near Barrow-Common by a ſingle Footpad.

Newcaſtle, Nov 14. We hear, that on Tueſday a French Privateer cut a Veſſel out of Alemouth, and, chaſing another on Shore near that Place, ſtuck faſt on the Sand herſelf: Upon which a Gentleman ſent an Expreſs directly to Shields, to requeſt the Aſſiſtance of the Men of War in this Harbour, to ſecure the above Privateer; and that Night the Kingſtone and Charles were towed to Sea with the greateſt Difficulty, and immediately ſailed Northward.

Laſt Saturday Night, between Eight and Nine o'Clock, Mr. Underwood and his Wife, returning from this Market to Buckworth, in Company with Mr. Smith of the ſame Place, were attack'd near the Hill of Health, about a Mile off this Town, by a ſingle Highwayman, well mounted, with two Brace of Piſtols, who bid them deliver, or he would blow their Brains out: Mr. Underwood had receiv'd ten Guineas at the Half Moon, and had it about him, which the Highwayman had Intelligence of, and ſwore he would ſhoot him, if he refuſed delivering it; but Mr. Underwood, by Favour of the Night, had ſlipt it into his Wife's Gown, and ſaid he had left it in Town, and gave the Highwayman two Guineas; he then went to Mr. Smith, and ſaid he did not want their Watches, but ſwore he would have their Money, and robb'd him of ten Shillings, and made off undiſcovered.

Glouceſter, Nov. 16. Yeſterday died, at his Seat at Highnam, near this City, Dennis Cook, Eſq; a Gentleman many Years in the Commiſſion of the Peace, and greatly lamented by all who had the Honour of his Acquaintance.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 9. Great Numbers of Claims have been given in to the Lords of Seſſions, theſe ſeveral Days paſt, as to the Value of the Heretable Juriſdictions in Scotland, taken away by a late Act of Parliament, the ſaid Act appointing their Lordſhips to fix upon the Value, and lay the ſame before his Majeſty and the Privy Counſel.

Skelton's Regiment is arrived at Perth from Fort William, where they were replaced by Batterau's, and Handaſyde's march for Dundee and Montroſe, to ſucceed Blakeney's, who are gone to Aberdeen and Bamffſhire.

Edinburgh, Nov. 12. 'Tis ſaid the late Lord Pitſligo was apprehended laſt Week near his own Houſe by a Party of the King's Forces.

We hear from Elgin, that a Servant Maid there lately brought forth two Male Children at a Birth without calling for any Aſſiſtance, and afterwards concealed them in ſome private Corner of the Houſe; upon the Diſcovery of which ſhe was apprehended, and being examined, alledged the Children were ſtill-born; but 'tis ſuſpected ſhe moſt inhumanely murdured them. She is now confined to the Tolbooth of that Place.

BANKRUPTS.

James Worſdale, late of Broadſtreet, London, Painter and Chapman.

Sarah Neave, the younger, of the Pariſh of St. Bartholomew the Leſs, in the City of London, Slopſeller and Chapwoman.

John Woodhouſe, of King's-Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, Ropemaker.

Joſeph Jelfe, late of Durſley, in the County of Glouceſter, Grocer and Chapman.

Philip Matthew Brohier, late of the Town and County of Southampton, Merchant and Factor.

James White, late of Altofts, in the Pariſh of Normanton and County of York, Butcher.

John Bennet, of Abingdon in the County of Berks, Shopkeeper and Chapman.

John Child, of the Pariſh of St. Botolph without Biſhopſgate, London, Haberdaſher.

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WHICH in a few Days infallibly cure *Hypochondriack Melancholy* in *Men*, and the *Vapours* in *Women*, so as never to return again, be they ever so severe, or of many Years standing, and even after all other Remedies have prov'd ineffectual; and that by immediately striking at the very Root or true Cause, as well as remedying the Effects, of those perplexing Maladies and all their Variety of Symptoms, by which they mimick, by Turns, almost all the Diseases poor Mortals are afflicted with, and have their Rise from a depraved Appetite, vicious Ferment in the Stomach, and Indigestion of Food, whence proceed Crudities and flatulent or windy Disorders in the first Passages, ill Fumes, sour Belchings, Cholick, and Uneasiness in the Bowels; which Crudities offend the Nerves, and, by Consent of Parts, affect the Head, and produce sometimes Giddiness, Dimness of Sight, confused Thoughts, pertinacious Watchings, troublesome Sleep, Frights, groundless Fears, and the deepest Melancholy, with direful Views and terrible Apprehensions; at other times, Fits, flushing Heats, Reachings, Faintness, Lowness and Sinking of Spirits and Palpitation of the Heart, Startings, Tremblings and Twitchings in the Limbs and other Parts, with many convulsive Disorders, sharp Pains, fix'd or wandering, Pain and Weakness in the Back, and other, almost innumerable and grievous, Symptoms, which miserably afflict vast Numbers of both Sexes.

All which Symptoms in their sharpest Paroxysms, these so much fam'd and most pleasant Drops, (which are Chymically prepar'd from the most valuable Specificks in the Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal Kingdoms, and exalted to the highest Degree of Perfection possible) instantly quell, and at the same time annihilate their real Cause, directly bringing the Stomach into right Order, creating a good Appetite, rectifying the Digestion, occasioning laudable Chyle, and, of course, good Blood, Plenty of calm, free, and chearful Spirits, a regular Circulation of all the Fluids, and Strength of Nerves, so that both Cause and Effects of Melancholy and Vapours, are thoroughly removed by them, almost on the Spot, as the many Thousands of both Sexes they have perfectly cured, evince.

Whoever takes them for three Days only, will be sensible they are absolutely to be depended upon for an effectual and lasting Cure, and certain it is, that no Medicine upon Earth can equal them; be careful therefore to have the right Drops, which are to be had only at Mrs. Holt's, at the Cross-Keys and Star below the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, at 3s. 6d. a Bottle, with Directions, at large.

TINCTURA MIRIFICA;

Or, The admirable Tincture, which infallibly cures the Stone and Gravel, whether in the Kidneys, Ureters, or Bladder, and also the Strangury, Stoppage of Urine, and all Heat, Pain, and Difficulty of making Water.

A FEW Drops of it momentarily take off the most excruciating Pains in the Reins or Bladder, and certainly prevent their Return; for it absolutely cures the Stone and Gravel in an extraordinary Manner, it instantly removes all Uneasiness or Difficulty in making Water, heals all Excorations, and even Ulcers of the Urinary Passages, relaxes the Ureters, so that small Stones, together with Gravel, and all mucous, slimy, obstructing Matter may pass freely from the Kidneys, to be voided visibly with Urine, without Pain; effectually cleanses the Reins, Ureters, and Bladder from all Impurities, entirely prevents the Stone in those who are troubled with the Gravel only, assuredly dissolves all large Stones possible to be dissolved, and likewise brings all the Urinary Parts and Passages to their due Tone and Vigour, so as perfectly to free the Patient from all the terrible Symptoms and miserable Effects of that torturing Disease.

It is the safest Medicine in the World, and not disagreeable to take. The very first Dose of it absolutely cures the most dreadful Fit of either Stone or Gravel in a Minute, giving such wonderful Relief and perfect Ease, as is indeed very surprizing, and this great Numbers of Persons of Worth have experienced to their infinite Satisfaction. It is to be had only at Mr Radford's Toyshop, at the Rose and Crown against St. Clement's Church-Yard in the Strand, at 3s. 6d. a Bottle; with Directions.

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